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MEXICAN MAN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGALLY RE-ENTERING USA

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Mexican citizen was sentenced in federal court today for illegally re-entering the United States.

Jorge Negrete-Palomera, 29, a citizen of Mexico, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to six years and five months in federal prison without parole. Graves explained that 47 months (three years and 11 months) of that sentence will be served concurrent with a 10-year state sentence for delivering more than five grams of marijuana in Clay County, Mo.

On Oct. 22, 2003, **Negrete-Palomera** pleaded guilty to illegally re-entering the United States after being deported following his conviction for sexual intercourse with a minor in California in 1996, and after being deported again following his conviction for possession of a controlled substance for sale in California in 1998.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Sheryle L. Jeans. It was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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